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INSCRIPTIONS FROM VARIOUS TOMBSTONES IN DINWIDDIE, CHESTERFIELD, HENRICO AND NEW KENT COUNTIES, VIRGINIA.

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BY
CHURCHILL GIBSON CHAMBERLAYNE.

(From the family burying ground at "Porter Hill," corner of Harrison and Early streets, Petersburg, Va.)

IN
Memory of
MRS. LUCY ANN FANNY
wife of
John C. Armistead,
who departed this life
September 3rd 1824,
Aged 26 Years.
and 21 days.
Also her infant Son
GEORGE R. ARMISTEAD,
Aged 6 Days.

Sacred
TO THE MEMORY OF
JOHN C. ARMISTEAD,
WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE
April 11, 1832,
Aged 50 Years.
In tender regard
Of his many virtues
As HUSBAND AND PARENT,
This monument is erected by his
Widow and Orphans
As the memento
Of their devoted affections.

IN
Memory of
WM. A. SYME,
Son of
Marcus A. & Mary
Ann Armistead,
Born Octr 8, 1830,
Died Octr 4, 1832.

Sacred
to the memory
of the
REV'D WILLIAM HARRISON [1]
who departed this life
20th of November 1814
Aged 84 Years.
In tender regard of whom
His Widow
hath caused this monument to be erected.
Here let him rest in peace
And let us try to live like him
That we like him may die.

SACRED
to the memory
of
MRS. ANN HARRISON.
who departed this life
July the 2nd 1829
Aged 60 Years.
Her Children
from a sense of duty & affection
have caused this monument
to be erected
in memory of
their tender Parent.
If worth departed claims the heartfelt tear,
Then stop—and let it stream profusely here.

SACRED
To the memory of
MARTHA M.
Wife of
THOMAS J. PERKINSON;
OF AMELIA;
Departed this life
DECEMBER, 29. 1836,
AGED 27 YEARS.
Blessed are the dead who
die in the Lord.

(*From the family burying ground at Matoax, the home of John Randolph, Sr., father of John Randolph of Roanoke. This place is about two miles west of Petersburg on the Appomattox river, in Chesterfield county, Va. The graveyard is on a hill almost immediately overhanging the river.*)

MARTHA HALL
OB: IV: NON: MART:
M,DCC,LXXXIV.
Æ: XXXVIII.
Quam Sprevit Hymen Pollux
PHŒBUS que colere.

JOHANNES RANDOLP[H]
ob XXVIII OCTO:
MDCCLXXV.
Æ: XXXIV.
Non Ossibus Urna, nec Mens
Virtutibus absit.

I H S
FRANCESCÆ TUCKER.[2]
Blandæ Conjugis
S^{ti}: GEORGII TUCKER.
Quis Desiderio sit Modus.
Obiit XVIII: Januarii,
MDCCLXXXVIII,
Æt: XXXVI.

SACRED
To the memory of
SYLVESTER J. PIERCE
Who departed this life
Dec. 25th 1865,
Aged 54 years.

(From the family burying ground at "Oak Hill," Chesterfield county, Va. "Oak Hill" is on the north bank of the Appomattox river, between Fleet's Hill and the Richmond Turnpike, opposite Petersburg.)

JOHN RONEY
Died Feby 17th 1855
Aged 34 years.

In memory of my dog
CARL,
The faithful friend of
FANNY RICE.[3]
Died April 13, 1893.

(From the family burying ground at "Violet Bank," on the Richmond Turnpike, in Chesterfield county, about half a mile north of Petersburg, Va.)

SACRED
To the memory of
MRS. ELIZABETH S. GILLIAM,
Relict of
JOHN GILLIAM, M. D.
And daughter of
THOMAS SHORE Esq.
of Violet Bank Chesterfield County.
Born January 26, A. D. 1797.
Departed this life March 20, A. D. 1858

HERE
ARE DEPOSITED THE REMAINS
OF
JOHN GILLIAM M. D.
OF PETERSBURG VA.
BORN APRIL 9TH. A. D. 1790
DEPARTED THIS LIFE AUGUST 15TH. A. D. 1843
IN MEMORY OF THE DECEASED
THIS TOMB
IS ERECTED BY HIS AFFLICTED WIFE.

WILLIAM McILVAINE WALLACE
Eldest son of
Dr J. M. Wallace of Philadelphia.
Born August 28, 1848.
Died February 20 1854.
Of such is the kingdom of Heaven.

(From a tablet in St. Peter's Church, New Kent county, Va.)

M S
Near this place lyes interred ye
Body of Mr William Chamberlayne
Late of this Parish Merct.
Descended of an ancient & Worthy Family
in the County of Hereford.
He married Elizabeth ye eldest Daughter
of Richard Littlepage of this County,
by whom he has left issue three Sons,
Edward Pye, Thomas,[4] & Richard,
& two Daughters, Mary & Elizabeth
Ob: 2o Augt 1736 Ætat 36.
Hoc Marmor exiguum summi amoris
Monumentum posuit Conjux mœstissima.
1737
Also Ann Kidly[5] Born Sence
Her *Father's Decease,*
M. Sidnell Briftol. fecit.

(From a tombstone on what is now the play ground of the Reformatory, at Laurel Station, R., F. & P. R. R., in Henrico county, Va.)

BENEATH REPOSE THE REMAINS
OF
WILLIAM JENNINGS
Born Oct'r 8th A. D. 1813.
Died Oct'r 29th A. D. 1851.
ALSO
His Infant Son
OSCAR JENNINGS
Born Jan'y 25th A. D. 1849.
Died Feb'y 10th A. D. 1849.

NOTES.

(1) Rev Wm Harrison was Minister of Bristol Parish Va from Nov-22nd 1762 to Feby 4th 1780. For references to him, see Slaughter's "A History of Bristol Parish," also "The Vestry Book and Register of Bristol Parish, Virginia 1720-1789"

(2) Mother of John Randolph of Roanoke. On page 292 of "The Vestry Book and Register of Bristol Parish, Virginia 1720-1789" there is this entry: "Frances Daughter of Theod Bland born 24th Sept 1752."

(3) While filling an engagement at the theatre in Petersburg in April 1893 Miss Fanny Rice, the actress, had the misfortune to lose her pet dog by sickness. It was attended by Dr. Potts a local veterinary surgeon, and at its death was buried by him at "Oak Hill" where he was then living.

(4) Thomas Chamberlayne married Wilhelmina Byrd, daughter of Col. William Byrd 2nd. See Hening's Statutes at Large, Vol. 6. Page 319.

(5) In Hening's Statutes at Large, Vol 5 Page 117 there is given an Act of the House of Burgesses making provision for this child.

SIR THOMAS LUNSFORD.

Among the cavaliers who came to Virginia in 1649 was Sir Thomas Lunsford, knight baronet. He was knighted December 28, 1641, and made lieutenant of the Tower of London. On the 27th of December, while walking through Westminster Hall with twenty or thirty of his friends, and meeting a band of apprentices, he and his companions drew their swords and wounded twenty or thirty of them and denounced them as "Roundheads"